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YELLOWSTONE PARK.

Interesting Description of this Beautiful Territory—Its Geysers, Springs, and Other Curiosities.

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So much has been written and spoken about the Yellowstone Park, and yet so much remains to be said, for every one who visits this great wonderland, sees and writes something that has not been seen by a previous visitor, or, at least, did not appeal to him.

The Yellowstone National Park is situated in the northwest corner of Wyoming, in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Its boundaries overlap a few miles into Montana and Idaho. Because this United States reserve is called a park, you must not think it is little. The Yellowstone Park is almost as big as the State of Connecticut. The Park dimensions are sixty five miles east and west and seventy-five miles north and south. No valley within its limits is less than a mile above the sea and there are mountains in and about it over two miles in height.

The most curious features of this region are its geysers and hot springs. The geysers of this region outclass anything of the kind in the known world. There are six thousand of them within the Park limits.

This region was first discovered in 1807 by a man named Colter, a famous hunter. When Colter came back to civilization and told of his discovery the unbelieving hearers derisively called it "Colter Hell." Other men explored it but their reports were regarded as romances, and it was not until Professor Hayden made his report of the marvelous region in 1871, that Congress was induced to reserve the whole region as a public Park. Besides the geysers, all over the Park can be seen such sights as basaltic cliffs, hills of sulphur, mineral springs, gayly covered basins of inactive geysers, paint pots and geysers.

Professor Hayden has said, "the banks are literally honey combed with springs, pools and geysers that are constantly gurgling, spitting, steaming, roaring and exploding." Then two hundreds of petrified trees stand like the columns of a ruined temple along the slopes of the Amethyst Mountains. No fence surrounds this part other than the serrated Mountains. The only accessible passes to this wild wonderland are on the northern and western side of Montana and Idaho, besides the wagon road from Cody, on the eastern side. Thus far only one railroad runs to the Park limits. By taking the Yellowstone branch of the Northern Pacific at Livingston, Mont., we reach the Park station at Gardiner after a fifty-four mile ride. The railroad follows the valley of the Upper Yellowstone River the entire distance. This valley is narrow and really is a magnificent natural entrance to the wonderland which is just beyond, part of it being called, "The Gate of the Mountains." This gate is a canyon almost a mile long and just wide enough to admit the road and the river, while the mountains tower perpendicularly to a height of over 2000 feet. After passing through this canyon we enter into a valley, for some reason named Paradise Valley, it extends from the mouth of the canyon some thirty miles up the river; it is from seven to twelve miles wide. This valley has been settled by ranchmen for several years and by irrigation the barren desert is being converted into fertile farms.

The people in this valley seem unusually happy. Every summer they pitch their tents in the Park for a few weeks, many of them making the tour on horseback. It was a very common occurrence

OLD TOLLGATE HOUSE BURNED.

Dwelling of J. K. Tritle, on the Ridge, West of Town, Destroyed by Fire.

Mr. J. K. Tritle, owner of a farm including the old tollgate house on the turnpike at the top of the Ridge west of McConnellsburg, has been up against a streak of hard luck recently. Two years ago last March, his almost new bank barn was burned to the ground, and last Friday morning he lost his house and almost all the contents in the same way.

The men were away from home at the time the fire broke out—Mrs. Tritle and two daughters were busy housecleaning, and Mrs. Tritle's mother was visiting in the family.

The first to notice anything unusual was the grandmother who noticed smoke driving out from the house remarked to one of the girls: "What does all of that smoke mean?" The girl went out, and in a moment was heard to scream, "The house is on fire!"

Sure enough, the whole roof on the west side was in a roaring flame, and the women set to work to save as much of the contents as possible. Most of the bedding and wearing apparel was in the upper story, and when an attempt was made to reach that, it was found to be all in flames.

Very soon neighbors began to be on the ground and worked heroically to protect the adjoining buildings, and succeeded in saving a summer kitchen, where Mr. Tritle's family are now housed.

Only one bed, the cook stove, and one other stove, together with a few chairs were saved.

Mr. Tritle carried in the Friends Cove Fire Insurance Company, \$300 on the building, and \$100 on the furniture. We learn that he intends to rebuild at once.

The house was erected by the Turnpike Company during the War, and the tollgate was removed to it from the west side of Scrub Ridge. It was first occupied by the family of Ellis Hampton, and later by Alex. Mayne, Adam Grissinger, Jacob Rinedollar, respectively and during the last twenty-one years by the present owner, Mr. Tritle.

Will Brewer and his sister Mary left last Friday for a few days visit among friends in Altoona.

to see men and women, boys and girls galloping along on their riding ponies over the smooth roads of the Park, seeing free what we easterners must pay for rather dearly.

If you enjoy camping, next year bring your friends and come out to the Yellowstone National Park, and spend a few weeks seeing the wonders which here abound. And at the same time enjoy being away from civilization and the busy whirl of business.

"So wondrous wild, the whole might seem, The scenery of a fairy dream.

As the train winds in and out, we soon reach Yankee Jim's Canyon, this is much grander and far more picturesque than the first. The mountains are higher and the gorge in which the river is compressed is narrower. One is inspired with awe as they gaze at the immensity of this canyon as the car moves slowly along near its base. Several years prior to the building of this railroad, Mr. James George, or better known as Yankee Jim, an early prospector and an enterprising individual having constructed a wagon road through the canyon and enjoyed a lucrative business in collecting toll from each visitor to the Park.

The Cinnabar Mountain is a conspicuous landmark on the Upper Yellowstone, about three miles from the Park line. As the train passed along its base one has a glimpse of the "Devil's Slide," composed of a reddish colored mineral resembling cinnabar, and extending up the mountain 2000 feet.

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SOMETHING MUST BE "DID."

Governor Calls Legislature Together in Extra Session.

It is, perhaps, known to all our readers by this time that Governor Pennypacker has called the Pennsylvania legislature to reconvene in extra session on the 15th day of January. It did not take the old gentleman long, after the election was over, to conclude that something had to be done, and to be done quickly. The people, without respect to party affiliation had spoken, and that in no uncertain language.

The legislation which the Governor now wants is—

Personal registration of voters.

Legislative reapportionment.

To increase the interest on State moneys and other remedies of Existing State Treasury Evils.

To repeal the Philadelphia "Ripper."

To regulate expenditures for county bridges.

To allow the consolidation of contiguous cities.

To abolish fees in the State Department.

Every bit of this legislation should have been done last winter. All the moral force possible was brought to bear on the legislature to do the work that the Governor now calls them back to perform. But it was legislation that did not suit the boss, and if the people had not risen up in their might now, there would have been no extra session.

Extra sessions are expensive. This little job will cost the taxpayers of Pennsylvania a half million of dollars.

Each member will get his little \$500 salary, \$100 in postage stamps, \$50 for stationery, and forty cents a mile (one way) for car fare.

There are 204 members of the assembly, and 50 members in the senate.

Their salaries are only a part of the expense connected with the extra session; for it must be borne in mind that there are eleven vacancies, one in the senate, and ten in the house. These must be filled, and it will involve the expense of a special election in all these districts. It has been but a few years since this county held a special election to fill the place made vacant by the death of Dr. Cook.

While the Constitution requires that the State shall be reapportioned into Legislative, Senatorial and Judicial districts every ten years in order that there may be a fair representation of the people, the Gang-controlled legislature, have ignored the Constitution and defied the people for many years. It is now thirty-one years since the State was apportioned into Senatorial districts, and twenty-eight years since the apportionment into legislative districts. The power of the Gang has depended much on keeping the districts as they are now.

A new apportionment, however fairly made, will be to strengthen the power of the cities and weaken the country. Conditions have changed since the present State Constitution was adopted in 1873, and there cannot be an apportionment that will not be prejudicial to the interests of the country districts until there is an amendment to the constitution, so that the representation from the cities could never exceed a given number.

Both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh will gain largely by a new apportionment, while the country districts will be the losers. This is manifestly unfair; and since we have done so long without a "new deal," it would be better to have the constitution changed before a new apportionment is made.

In regard to the legislation relating to the placing of State deposits in banks and increasing the amount of interest and otherwise safeguarding State funds the Governor has been moved by the recent developments in the break-

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. Irvin Hamill's Children Gave Him an Agreeable Surprise Last Saturday.

There is, perhaps, no day in the experience of parents passing down in the afternoon of life, so full of real pleasure, as that which brings children and grandchildren together around the board in the old home.

Last Saturday was just such an event in the experience of Irvin Hamill, of Knobsville. It was the sixty-eighth anniversary of his birthday, and it occurred to his children that it would be about the proper thing to give the old gentleman a pleasant surprise. So, all the necessary arrangements were made, and on that day all the children and grandchildren assembled in the old home, and a delightful time was had.

Among those present were: John, Edward, Daniel and Charles Hamill; Maggie Hamill, Mrs. Leslie McGovern and daughter, Nellie; John Gunnells, wife and son John; Harvey Wible, wife and son Russell; William Hamill, wife and two sons Frank and Paul, and G. W. Wagner, Sr., wife, and grandson Rush Wagner.

A splendid new suit of clothes was among the other gifts, Mr. Hamill received from his children that day.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

A Law Goes into Effect in January Which Will Relieve Assessors.

After the first of January, every birth and death in the state of Pennsylvania must be reported to the officers in charge of the district where it occurs and certificates issued by the authorities. The late assembly appropriated \$20,000 for the establishment of a central bureau of vital statistics to be under the supervision of the State Board of Health and have charge of the State Registration of births and deaths. The State will be divided into registration districts, one for each city, borough or township. This new department will relieve the assessors of a portion of the work, as heretofore they have attended to the registration of births and deaths, receiving a fee of five cents for each one. A state registrar, a medical practitioner for at least ten years, will be at the head of this department, and a local registrar will preside over each district. All deaths must be promptly reported to him and no one can be interred until a death certificate has been issued, giving the name and occupation of the deceased, the cause of death, parents' names and addresses, etc. Each birth must always be reported and a certificate issued. In case of plural births a certificate must be issued for each child.—The local registrar provides all blanks and receives a fee of 25 cents each birth and death recorded. The state registrar gets a salary of \$5,000 per year with \$8,000 for four assistant clerks and \$5,000 for incidental expenses.

The Governor in his last message also recommended the abolition of the fee system in the State department, and he makes legislation of this kind an important feature in his call for an extra session. The fees now enjoyed by the Secretary of the State are variously estimated anywhere from \$15,000 to \$30,000, the latter amount being said to have been carried away by Secretary W. W. Grist during his incumbency of the office.

It is believed that the legislature when it convenes will be free to a large extent from the trammels of the Gang and that it will act upon its own initiative to a large extent.

SAVE YOUR TREES.

Important Public Meeting to be Held for Fruit Growers and Others by Staff Experts at the Court House.

Millions of dollars worth of fruit, fruit trees, ornamental trees and shrubbery have been destroyed in Pennsylvania during recent years by a very small insect known as the San Jose Scale. This pest is so inconspicuous that it has destroyed many orchards without owners knowing the cause of the trouble. It can be detected only by an expert or by one who has seen it, and it can be successfully treated only by special methods which the Division of Zoology, of the State department of Agriculture, is arranging to demonstrate in each township where this pest occurs.

Twenty experts have recently been trained at the Pennsylvania State College by Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, and within a few days one of these trained men is to start through this county inspecting premises for the San Jose Scale, and giving practical demonstrations of the best methods of making and applying remedies for it wherever it is found. It is very important to locate it and check it at once in every township where it now occurs and prevent its spreading to other regions.

A general preliminary meeting will be held in the Court House, at McConnellsburg, on Tuesday, November 28th, State Zoologist Surface, or one of his regular assistants from Harrisburg will attend this meeting with the expert Mr. R. F. Lee, who is to work in this county during the next month.

This meeting is for the purpose of starting the work in this county, determining where the San Jose Scale occurs as far as possible, and making appointments for local spraying demonstrations.—All persons interested are invited to attend and bring specimens of infested fruit and twigs for inspection, hear the addresses, meet the State representatives, help arrange places for orchard demonstrations and practical spraying and save their trees.—The State bears all the expense. Expert Lee will spray Frank P. Lynch's plum orchard, near the Court House, at the time of the above mentioned meeting. Every body interested, come, see the demonstration and attend the Farmers' Institute.

OFF TO AUGHWICK.

Belvidere Hunting Club Pitch Their Tents in Aughwick Valley Monday.

The Belvidere Hunting Club assembled at the City Hotel last Monday morning, and proceeded to move to their old hunting camp in Aughwick Valley. Leslie McGovern and Samuel Mellott furnished the team, and C. P. Carmack had charge of the ribbons. The party reached the grounds in good time and all went to work with a will and soon had in position their sleeping tents, board tent and cook tent.

Dinner was prepared by Bert Doyle and Bob Downes; and with the invigorating mountain air, all hands sat down with appetites that made the eatables disappear like a dewdrop before the morning sun, or a turkey caller before a game warden.

We are not informed as to their success since that time, but have no doubt that there will be something to do when they all get down to business.

The party consists of Leslie McGovern, Jacob W. Mellott, Roe Mellott, Daniel McQuade, Robert M. Downes, Samuel Mellott, Bert Doyle, of this vicinity, and A. D. Reese and Robert Sherry, of Altoona.

Samuel Rotz, Sr., who came over to this county last Friday returned to his home near Marion, Franklin county, Monday, taking with him his wife, who had been visiting among her Fulton county friends two weeks.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

McConnellsburg, Nov. 28th and 29th; Fort Littleton, Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st.

Every farmer should impress it upon his mind that the annual sessions of the Farmers' Institute will be held at McConnellsburg Tuesday afternoon and evening, and Wednesday morning, afternoon and evening, November 28th and 29th, and at Fort Littleton, Thursday afternoon and evening, and Friday morning, afternoon and evening November 30th and December 1st.

Every farmer in the county that can possibly get away from home at that time should attend these meetings. Thousands of dollars of public money are spent every year to hold public county institutes for our school teachers, and the State thinks the investment a good one. If it pays to spend this money to help our teachers do better work, it certainly pays the State to spend some money in helping the farmer along, especially, since the farmer has to foot the bills.

There are many farmers in the County who have never attended one of these meetings; and, consequently, do not know just how much they are missing. Farmers are not toiling on their farms from one year's end to the other just for the sake of their health, any more than printers, or any other class of people. They like to make money just as well as other people. The farmers' institute is intended to help them get larger returns for their labor—help them to work to a better advantage—to point out to them some of the mistakes they are making, and to give them broader views of the noble work in which they are engaged.

A farmer who had just emptied a bushel basket of corn into a filthy, filthy pen for his fattening hogs, complained to a friend who was standing near, that his hogs were not doing well. "Perhaps," said the friend "if you were to fix up a trough for them, give them a clean place to sleep, and a clean place to eat their corn, they might do better." And thus it is. Some people think a hog's a hog, that the more mire he has to sleep and wade in, and to root in to get his corn, the better he will thrive, and the more of a hog-flavor will the meat have.

Arrange your work so you can attend these sessions, and, if, after having done so, you will say that you were not well paid for the time and expense, we shall miss our guess.

Among the speakers that will be present we notice the names of Prof. Meuges, R. P. Kester, Hon. R. F. Schwartz, Hon. D. H. Patterson, Hon. Jno. P. Sipes, Supt. Chas. E. Barton, Prof. B. C. Lamberson, Ex-Supt. Clem Chesnut, and others.

JOSABED LODGE.

One of Brush Creek Township's Most Respected Citizens, Dead.

Josabed Lodge, one of Brush Creek Valley's oldest and most highly respected citizens died at his home near Emmaville, on Wednesday of last week, aged about 70 years. Interment at McKendree church.

Mr. Lodge had been in ill health more than a year, the result of a combination of diseases incident to advanced age. A man of sterling integrity, he enjoyed the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends. His wife died about three years ago.

Mr. Lodge is survived by a son and two daughters at home—Henry, Georgia, and Laura; one son, Henry, in the West; and one daughter, Alice, wife of William H. Hoop, of Licking Creek township.

John W. Fields, Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Stillwater, Okla., stayed over last Sunday with his father, D. T. Fields, of this place, returning home from a business trip to Washington, D. C.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOUKNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings. Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Mary B. Trout is visiting friends in Lancaster, Pa.

Urner Truax and wife spent a day in town last week.

Merchant G. J. Mellott of Gem, was a business visitor at the County Seat yesterday.

J. W. Fraker, of Fort Littleton, called at the News office for a friendly greeting while in town yesterday.

Dr. A. K. Davis, of Hustontown, spent last Wednesday in McConnellsburg on professional business.

James Hampton of Laidig, remembered the printer in a substantial way while in town last Wednesday.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., attended the funeral of Miss Maggie Oakes at Montgomery, Pa., on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Nelle Daniels, of this place, and her cousin, Ella Mann, of Salavia, left last Wednesday for a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., and other points in the West.

Amos Wilkinson and Samuel Yeakle, of the firm of Yeakle & Wilkinson, blacksmiths in this place, spent Sunday in Hancock recently.

Lizzie Bender returned to her home in this place last week after having had a very pleasant visit among friends in York, Harrisburg and New Bloomfield.

Mrs. John Barmont and little son Paul, of Chambersburg, came over last Saturday and are spending a week or two among friends and relatives in this county.

P. K. Brandt of Newport, Pa., was the guest of his son-in-law and daughter, County Superintendent and Mrs. Chas. E. Barton over Sunday.

Frank Deshong, wife and little son Ralph, of Fannettsburg, and Miss Newcomer, of Waynesboro, were guests in the home of Jno. P. Sipes over Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas B. Stevens, of this place, spent the past week with her son, N. H. Stevens, with her brothers, John A. and N. B. Henry, and with other friends at Clear Ridge.

Joseph Snotts and daughter Alice, after having spent a week very pleasantly among their Fulton county friends returned to their home in Altoona on Monday.

Elijah N. Palmer of Everett, and his sister, Mrs. Effany Mann, of Needmore, have been spending the past week with the family of their brother, Joseph at Newton Hamilton, Pa.

The Knight of Ashland and his brother, the Knight of Maryland, were the guests of Judge Humbert on Monday of last week and spent the day hunting pheasants on the Judge's game preserves at Shenstone.

S. D. Stevens and family are on this side of the mountain this week. Mr. Stevens is visiting his mother at Laidig, and Mrs. Stevens and the children, Grace and Harris, are at the home of Mrs. Stevens' mother, Mrs. L. E. Harris on North Second street.

Morse Sloan, who has been in the employ of the People's Gas Company in the western part of the State, visited in the home of his parents, Thos. F. Sloan and wife from Friday until Monday, and then left for Lexington, Kentucky, where he will be located indefinitely.

O. F. Rexroth, a prominent commission merchant, of Omaha, Neb., who has been in the eastern states several weeks on business, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his birthday by taking dinner at the Fulton House with his mother. Otto came home on Saturday evening and left Monday noon.